

I Claim:

1. A computer based system for electronic classified advertising comprising:
a digital information storage device;
means for creating a classified advertisement;
means for electronically publishing a classified advertisement;
means for providing portability of a classified advertisement to a web server;
means for user-defined advertising matching;
means for automatically notifying the user of advertisement responses;
means for electronically updating classified advertisements;
means for selectively altering advertisement response criteria; and
means for providing private messaging response to an electronic advertisement.

2. A method of electronic classified advertising including the steps of:
installing an electronic classified advertising program on a digital information storage device;
electronically defining a classified advertisement;
electronically publishing a classified advertisement;
electronically establishing advertisement response criteria; and
electronically privately and securely responding to electronic classified advertising.